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ROY F. LASSLY, FORMER ACTING CHIEF DISBURSING CLERK,
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, AND G. F. ALLEN, CHIEF DIS-
BURSING OFFICER, DIVISION OF DISBURSEMENT, TREASURY
DEPARTMENT

APRIL 3 (legislative day, MARCH 30), 1942.—Ordered to be printed

Mr. HUGHES, from the Committee on Claims, submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany H. R. 5857]

The Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 5857) for the relief of Roy F. Lassly, former acting chief disbursing clerk, Department of the Interior, and G. F. Allen, chief disbursing officer, Division of Disbursement, Treasury Department, having considered the same, report favorably thereon with the recommendation that the bill do pass without amendment.

The facts are fully set forth in House Report No. 1649, Seventy-seventh Congress, second session, which is appended hereto and made a part of this report.

[H. Rept. No. 1649, 77th Cong., 2d sess.]

The Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 5857) for the relief of Roy F. Lassly, Acting Chief Disbursing Clerk, Department of the Interior, and G. F. Allen, Chief Disbursing Officer, Division of Disbursement, Treasury Department, having considered the same, report favorably thereon without amendment and recommend that the bill do pass.

The facts of this case will be found fully set forth in a letter from the Acting Secretary of the Treasury, dated September 9, 1941, addressed to the Speaker, House of Representatives, which is appended hereto and made a part of this report.

Your committee concur in the recommendation of the Acting Secretary of the Treasury.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,
Washington, September 9, 1941.

Hon. SAM RAYBURN,
The Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Washington, D. C.

SIR: There is transmitted herewith a draft of a bill for the relief of Roy Lassly, former Acting Chief Disbursing Clerk, Department of the Interior, and G. F. Allen, Chief Disbursing Officer, Division of Disbursement, Treasury Department.

The bill would authorize and direct the Comptroller General of the United States to allow credit for the sum of \$7,533.50 in the accounts of Roy F. Lassly, former Acting Chief Disbursing Clerk, Department of the Interior, and for the sum of \$20,012.20 in the accounts of G. F. Allen, Chief Disbursing Officer, Division of Disbursement, Treasury Department, on account of amounts which were paid by them on fraudulent vouchers.

These vouchers represent certain pay rolls prepared by a former employee of the National Park Service who forged the names of the approving officers thereon. The forgeries were executed in such a manner as to escape detection and consequently were not questioned by the certifying officers who were acquainted with the employee involved. Under these circumstances the certifying officers certified the vouchers for payment. When received in the disbursing office, the vouchers were examined in the usual manner to determine whether they were properly certified and in proper form for payment by the United States; and there was nothing to indicate any irregularity with respect to such vouchers. The vouchers in question are cited in exhibit A.

It appears that the disbursing officers had no knowledge of the fraudulent character of the vouchers and that they exercised reasonable care and attention in the performance of their disbursing duty. It is believed, therefore, that they should be relieved of the disallowances for which they cannot in justice be held personally responsible. Every effort is being made to recover for the Government the amount of such fraudulent payments, and any recoveries obtained will be covered into the general fund of the Treasury.

A similar bill, H. R. 7493, passed the House of Representatives on June 6, 1940, but was not acted on by the Senate.

It will be appreciated if you will lay this proposed legislation before the House of Representatives.

A similar communication has been transmitted to the President of the Senate.

Very truly yours,

D. W. BELL,

Acting Secretary of the Treasury.

EXHIBIT A

Statement showing details with respect to vouchers involved in disallowances in accounts to be cleared by the proposed relief bill

Accounts of—	Disbursing office voucher No.	Period	Amount
R. F. Lassly, Acting Chief Disbursing Clerk, Department of the Interior, Washington, D. C.	12450	October 1932.....	\$66.00
Do.....	13658	do.....	99.00
Do.....	14845	November 1932.....	95.34
Do.....	15231	do.....	108.17
Do.....	16094	do.....	95.34
Do.....	16617	do.....	78.00
Do.....	16842½	December 1932.....	225.00
Do.....	18905	do.....	303.00
Do.....	19575	January 1933.....	278.66
Do.....	21806	do.....	161.32
Do.....	23474	February 1933.....	273.00
Do.....	25528	do.....	225.00
Do.....	26190	March 1933.....	255.00
Do.....	27432	do.....	330.00
Do.....	29161	do.....	405.00
Do.....	29807	April 1933.....	47.67
Do.....	30394	do.....	265.20
Do.....	30827	do.....	200.60
Do.....	32200	May 1933.....	510.00
Do.....	34227	do.....	425.00
Do.....	36737	do.....	367.20
Do.....	38521	June 1933.....	550.80
Do.....	40341	do.....	442.00
Do.....	41993	do.....	513.40
Do.....	37	July 1933.....	615.40
Do.....	514	do.....	598.40
Total.....			7,533.50

Statement showing details with respect to vouchers involved in disallowances in accounts to be cleared by the proposed relief bill—Continued

Accounts of—	Disbursing office voucher No.	Period	Amount
G. F. Allen, chief disbursing officer, Division of Disbursement, Treasury Department, Washington, D. C.	1390063	April 1936.....	\$206.00
Do.....	1412030	do.....	536.40
Do.....	1488781	do.....	531.60
Do.....	1568203	May 1936.....	1,041.60
Do.....	1731400	June 1936.....	1,470.00
Do.....	1810392	do.....	1,404.00
Do.....	117958	July 1936.....	1,470.00
Do.....	152344	do.....	1,227.00
Do.....	302118	August 1936.....	1,240.50
Do.....	302545	do.....	1,470.00
Do.....	802295	November 1936.....	1,038.50
Do.....	892053	do.....	982.85
Do.....	978818	December 1936.....	988.85
Do.....	1052490	do.....	1,011.10
Do.....	1147473	January 1937.....	1,011.10
Do.....	1237833	do.....	1,016.30
Do.....	1311372	February 1937.....	1,139.00
Do.....	1493736	March 1937.....	1,011.10
Do.....	1588616	do.....	1,216.30
Total.....			20,012.20

Statement showing details with respect to accounts included in disbursements - accounts to be cleared by the proposed bill - continued

Amount	Date	Disbursement check number	Account of
100.00	April 1930	150000	G. F. Allen, when disbursed office of the Board of Education
100.00	do	141500	same, Treasury Department, Washington, D. C.
100.00	do	139500	do
100.00	May 1930	138500	do
100.00	June 1930	137500	do
100.00	do	136500	do
100.00	July 1930	135500	do
100.00	do	134500	do
100.00	August 1930	133500	do
100.00	do	132500	do
100.00	September 1930	131500	do
100.00	do	130500	do
100.00	October 1930	129500	do
100.00	do	128500	do
100.00	November 1930	127500	do
100.00	do	126500	do
100.00	December 1930	125500	do
100.00	January 1931	124500	do
100.00	do	123500	do
100.00	February 1931	122500	do
100.00	March 1931	121500	do
100.00	do	120500	do
100.00	April 1931	119500	do
100.00	do	118500	do
100.00	May 1931	117500	do
100.00	do	116500	do
100.00	June 1931	115500	do
100.00	do	114500	do
100.00	July 1931	113500	do
100.00	do	112500	do
100.00	August 1931	111500	do
100.00	do	110500	do
100.00	September 1931	109500	do
100.00	do	108500	do
100.00	October 1931	107500	do
100.00	do	106500	do
100.00	November 1931	105500	do
100.00	do	104500	do
100.00	December 1931	103500	do
100.00	do	102500	do
100.00	January 1932	101500	do
100.00	do	100500	do
100.00	February 1932	99500	do
100.00	do	98500	do
100.00	March 1932	97500	do
100.00	do	96500	do
100.00	April 1932	95500	do
100.00	do	94500	do
100.00	May 1932	93500	do
100.00	do	92500	do
100.00	June 1932	91500	do
100.00	do	90500	do
100.00	July 1932	89500	do
100.00	do	88500	do
100.00	August 1932	87500	do
100.00	do	86500	do
100.00	September 1932	85500	do
100.00	do	84500	do
100.00	October 1932	83500	do
100.00	do	82500	do
100.00	November 1932	81500	do
100.00	do	80500	do
100.00	December 1932	79500	do
100.00	do	78500	do
100.00	January 1933	77500	do
100.00	do	76500	do
100.00	February 1933	75500	do
100.00	do	74500	do
100.00	March 1933	73500	do
100.00	do	72500	do
100.00	April 1933	71500	do
100.00	do	70500	do
100.00	May 1933	69500	do
100.00	do	68500	do
100.00	June 1933	67500	do
100.00	do	66500	do
100.00	July 1933	65500	do
100.00	do	64500	do
100.00	August 1933	63500	do
100.00	do	62500	do
100.00	September 1933	61500	do
100.00	do	60500	do
100.00	October 1933	59500	do
100.00	do	58500	do
100.00	November 1933	57500	do
100.00	do	56500	do
100.00	December 1933	55500	do
100.00	do	54500	do
100.00	January 1934	53500	do
100.00	do	52500	do
100.00	February 1934	51500	do
100.00	do	50500	do
100.00	March 1934	49500	do
100.00	do	48500	do
100.00	April 1934	47500	do
100.00	do	46500	do
100.00	May 1934	45500	do
100.00	do	44500	do
100.00	June 1934	43500	do
100.00	do	42500	do
100.00	July 1934	41500	do
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100.00	August 1934	39500	do
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100.00	do	14500	do
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100.00	November 1935	9500	do
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100.00	December 1935	7500	do
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100.00	do	4500	do
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